

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1, amend claims 2 - 8 and enter new claims 13 - 17 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as recited in claim 10 [1], wherein the braking device and the hub are arranged on the planet carrier on different sides of the planet gear.
3. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as recited in claim 10 [1], wherein the hub is mounted against the annular member outside in the radial direction of that portion of the annular member which forms the ring gear, and also against said portion.
4. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as recited in claim 10 [1], wherein the bearing arrangement between the hub and the ~~ring gear~~ annular member further comprises two rows of balls arranged at a mutual spacing in the axial direction of the driving axle.
5. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as recited in claim 10 [1], wherein the annular member forms a pressure surface for said braking device.
6. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as recited in claim 10 [1], wherein the outer, static part forms a portion of a brake housing for the braking device.
7. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as recited in claim 10 [1], wherein the annular member is connected firmly to an axle case.

8. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as recited in claim 10 [1], wherein the braking device comprises at least one first brake disk, which is connected to the planet carrier, and at least one second brake disk, which is connected to the static part, and a pressure applicator that applies a pressure for the purpose of pressing the first and second brake disks together when braking takes place.

9. Cancelled.

10. (Previously Presented) An arrangement for driving a wheel of a vehicle, said arrangement comprising:

a planetary gear transmission including a sun gear connected to a driving axle, a planet carrier on which at least one planet gear is arranged in engagement with the sun gear, and a ring gear arranged around and in engagement with said at least one planet gear;

said ring gear and an outer, static part are of one piece construction and form an annular member;

a braking device and a wheel hub, said wheel hub being fixedly connected to the planet carrier and the braking device being arranged to brake the planet carrier relative to the static part that is arranged outside the planet carrier in the radial direction; and

a bearing arrangement provided between the hub and the annular member which comprises at least one row of balls arranged along a circular track established between races provided in the hub and the annular member and wherein the race provided in the hub is located radially outside the race provided in the annular member and wherein said hub has an annular part fixedly interconnected to a cover disk, said ring gear having an edge portion including a lip and a groove, said annular part received in said groove to overlap said lip of said ring gear.

11. (Previously Presented) The arrangement as recited in claim 10, wherein said annular part includes a rim received for rotation in said groove.

12. (Previously Presented) The arrangement of claim 10, wherein said cover disk has a plane parallel to a plane formed by said circular track adjacent thereto.

13. (New) A driving arrangement comprising:

an annular member, fixedly connected to an axle case, said annular member including a first portion integrally formed with a second portion joining said first portion to a third portion of said annular member, said first portion connected to said axle case, said second portion providing a pressure surface for a multiple disk brake, said third portion forming a ring gear having an outer surface;

a hub including a disk shaped cover attached to an annular part that overlaps at least a portion of said outer surface;

a planetary gear transmission comprising a sun gear, a plurality of planet gears and said ring gear;

a carrier for said plurality of planet gears, said carrier firmly connected to said hub for rotation therewith; and

a driving axle having a first end and a second end, said first end including said sun gear to engage said plurality of planet gears, said driving axle driven by a vehicle engine having connection to said second end for rotation of said sun gear to cause a rate of rotation of said hub and said carrier, said multiple disk brake when pressed against said pressure surface reducing said rate of rotation by increasing friction between a first set of brake disks connected to said first portion of said annular member and a second set of brake disks connected to said carrier.

14. (New) The arrangement as recited in claim 13, wherein said second portion has an orthogonal relationship to each of said first portion and said third portion.

15. (New) The arrangement as recited in claim 14, wherein said ring gear has an edge portion including a groove adjacent to said outer surface, said annular part received in said groove to overlap said outer surface of said ring gear.

16. (New) The arrangement as recited in claim 13, including a bearing arrangement provided between the outer surface and the annular part, said bearing arrangement comprising at least one row of balls arranged along a circular track established between races provided in the annular part and the outer surface.

17. (New) The arrangement as recited in claim 16, wherein said disk shaped cover has a plane parallel to a plane formed by said circular track adjacent thereto.